

Wilsonian Extravagance Assailed in Platform Contest

Economic Evils Traced to Huge War Expenses

Inflation of Credit and Currency Is Blamed for High Cost of Living, and Waste Also Is Condemned

One Way to Obtain Relief

Legislation Favored That Will Guarantee Adequate Return to Rail Owners

To the Editor of The Tribune.
Sir: The problems which will be of greatest importance during the next four years are, as I see them, economic problems, and it is on these issues that the Republican party should take a definite and determined stand.

The problem at present of primary and most pressing interest to the average voter is the high cost of living. The original cause is the inflation of credit and money in circulation, made necessary by the huge expenditures and consequent borrowing of the government to carry on the war.

Now that the war is over, the government should adopt a policy of strict economy, and this means not only doing away with all the new offices created during the war, which are no longer necessary—many of which were of doubtful necessity even during the war—but it also means doing away with the waste of the people's money through "pork barrel" methods.

To guard against waste in the future, a budget system similar to those used in foreign countries and many of our American cities should be adopted. If this policy of curtailment of government extravagance is followed out there will be a surplus in the Treasury to reduce the existing inflation. Only by thus striking at the root of the evil can any great or permanent relief be hoped for.

The policy of the Democratic Administration in respect to the railroads has been an unqualified failure, which cannot be remedied by merely returning the roads to their owners. There must be legislation which will guarantee to the owners a fair return on the capital invested in the employees a living wage and to the public good service at the lowest possible cost.

We cannot rid ourselves of the germs of Bolshevism, I. W. W.-ism, and the others by expelling Bolshevists and I. W. W.s from the country or by any form of direct legislation. The one way to strike against these diseases is not to allow a field for them to flourish in to exist. Laws should be enacted that will do away with the causes of ill feeling and strife between capital and labor.

And last, immediate steps should be taken toward the creation, operation and protection of a mercantile marine great enough to care for the whole commerce of this country—a problem which the Democratic Administration has failed to solve almost as completely as it has failed to solve the problem of the railroads.

CLERMONT CARTWRIGHT JR.

To-Day's Prize Letter

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: No one factor in our social life touches more closely upon the fundamental problems now before us than that of transportation. We have come to realize that this subject is one which involves the interrelationship of highway, waterway and possibly air service, and that only as each of the units is developed to its fullest extent can we hope to see a true spirit of nationalism developed, unnecessary enormous wastages in transportation costs eliminated and the common defense fully provided for.

At the present time we have a Federal aid act, which requires the distribution of government funds to forty-eight separate highway departments and placing no limitation upon the mileage to be selected for improvement.

We have two and one-half million miles of highways. Obviously we cannot hope to improve them all at once, nor can we hope to arrive at a national highway system so long as the administration is left in the hands of men who by virtue of the offices they hold must consider intrastate needs first.

With these conditions facing us, it would seem that the time has come when we should have a national commission empowered to lay out a national system and further a concentration of the national funds upon roads of national importance, thus releasing state funds for the improvement of selected state highways and county funds for similar treatment of the county situation.

More than a billion dollars is now available for highway construction in the United States. Is there any other phase of domestic governmental activity which so much demands an intelligent, economical and broadened policy as this? **PYKE JOHNSON.**

and accepted by the National Institute for Moral Instruction, of Washington, D. C. MILTON WILLIS, 1947 Broadway, New York.

Legion Commander Builds His Plank Upon "Tolerance"
Liberalism and Sincerity Other Great Essentials to Republican Success in 1920, He Declares

To the Editor of The Tribune.
Sir: Three things the new Republican platform must contain: tolerance, liberalism, sincerity. These three qualities will make or break the planks. There is too much calling of names, a forgetfulness that there are more points of agreement than of disagreement among real Americans. Our country is a nation of men who work for the joy of creating—30 per cent of them are loyal, whether their work be done in the mines or the banks, whether they direct the fortunes of a big corporation or drive a trolley car on Grand Street. Loyalty, to them, means a belief in our form of government, a belief also in orderly progress through evolution. Americans in all walks are sound in heart and spirit.

The present struggle, so called, is the inevitable struggle for leadership. In this struggle the party which holds firm to the unwavering faith which Lincoln had in the common people will win the right to leadership. Let us then hold fast to tolerance.

ROY DICKINSON,
Commander of the East Orange Post American Legion.

Moral Training in Schools
To the Editor of The Tribune.
Sir: The surest way to obviate destructive radicalism and develop a citizenship of such quality as to safeguard our country is to definitely educate the children in right conduct, thoughts and feeling.

To that end we propose the intelligent use in all public schools of a code of morals such as that prepared by William J. Hutchins of Oberlin, Ohio.

Porto Rican Asks Liberty For Islanders

Self-Determination or Statehood Seen as Essential to Give People Rights as Continental Citizens

Called "Living Cemetery"

Residents Lack Opportunity. It Is Held, Possessed by Others on Same Footing

To the Editor of The Tribune.
Sir: Two outstanding solutions are self-evident in the settlement of the main problem concerning the people of Porto Rico, to wit: the right of self-determination or statehood.

Without representatives in Congress, a voiceless commissioner at Washington and a limited sort of citizenship granted by the Jones-Shafroth act, we Porto Ricans are not on the same level as the citizens of continental United States or those of other nations.

Having recently returned from the island after a long absence a rare opportunity was presented me to note the great strides made on the lines of education, while from the standpoint of opportunity and the welfare of the majority of the people the place has rightly been termed a "living cemetery."

It was Roosevelt who first told Congress the time had come for the child to wear long pants. The Republican party, to which he mostly consecrated his true spirit of American manhood, should follow in the footsteps of one of its boldest leaders, and since a Republican administration and Congress will soon be called upon for a settlement of the many problems before the people, I know I voice the sentiments of my fellow citizens when I say that it should add one more star to the great American constellation or allow the Borinquenos to work out their own salvation under the protection of the Monroe Doctrine, to which it would then be entitled. **JUAN CHICO,** 253 West Fourteenth Street, Manhattan.

Conditions of the Platform Contest
The Tribune invites you to write planks for a Republican platform and to write letters about planks proposed by other readers through its columns.

For the best planks and letters The Tribune offers these prizes:
For the best plank.....\$500.00
For the second best plank... 250.00
For each of the eight next best planks..... 100.00
For the best letter a daily prize of..... 10.00
For the best letter in the whole competition..... 100.00

The Tribune will make up a platform of ten planks to be determined by your votes. The ten issues receiving the most votes will be the planks. The ten planks that best express the chosen issues will be selected for the prize awards.

Each plank is limited to 100 words. Of two planks or letters of equal merit the shorter will be chosen. Every plank and letter must bear the name and address of the sender, although a nom de plume will be published if the writer desires. The contest will close at midnight, April 30, 1920. Manuscripts will not be returned.

The judges of the contest will be three of The Tribune's editors. They will base their decisions on sound thinking and brevity, clearness and strength of statement.

Some Suggested Planks

Among the mass of suggestions for planks in the Republican platform are the following:

Places Tax on Immigrants
All aliens entering this country who at the end of a year have not made application for "first papers" for citizenship shall be taxed a stated percentage of their incomes, and for each succeeding year of such neglect the aforesaid tax to be progressively increased. Also, those who get first papers and fail to apply for final papers at usual time, or, applying, fail to pass the requisite examinations, together with those who at the end of five years have made no application for first papers, shall be deported forthwith as undesirable persons.—Harold Channing, 520 East Seventy-seventh Street.

Americans above partisan design.
D. H. Upjohn, 103 North Thirteenth Street, Salem, Ore.

Fair Deal for Farmers
We recognize the importance of the farmers and other food producers to the welfare of the nation, and we pledge ourselves to treat them fairly. We recognize the inadequacy of the present system of distribution and we pledge ourselves to remedy it; to eliminate profiteering wherever possible; to secure a more just and equitable division of profits, thus benefiting both producer and consumer.—Smith C. McGregor, Stamford, N. Y.

American Liberties Sacred
We condemn all attempts to deprive the American people of the personal liberty which our forefathers sought and obtained when they emigrated to America to escape the oppressions to which they were subjected in England and on the continent of Europe and for the preservation of which they shed their blood under the leadership of General Washington in the War of the Revolution. Oppressive summary laws are foreign to the genius of our government, and their imposition should be resisted by every means at our command.—H. C. Chase.

Abolish Dual Citizenship
In order to claim undivided loyalty and allegiance of the 13,000,000 voters in the United States of foreign birth and extraction we pledge ourselves to work for the recognition of American citizenship by all foreign governments; thereby abolishing dual citizenship. No one can serve two masters. In the absence of treaties between this country and many foreign powers citizens of the United States are not recognized as such if business or pleasure brings them to their country of birth or place of nativity of their parents.—Samuel M. Auerbach, 883 East 176th Street.

America for Americans
We favor an efficient and effective immigration law which will "strain" the incoming tide of immigrants and remove the undesirable. This we believe to be preferable to waiting until they have scattered throughout our country and started their destructive and dangerous work and then endeavor to "extract" and deport them, an expensive and unsatisfactory method at its best. Let us have an America for Americans, or those who will willingly become such.—H. W. Bigelow, Liberty, N. Y.

Radicalism and Bolshevism
The Republican party voices its continued and supreme confidence in our form of government, which preserves to its citizens, untrammelled, life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. The Republican party declares eternal war on every monster of radicalism which has for its purpose the undermining of our form of government. To grapple with this menace and to overcome it will be the first duty of the incoming Republican administration; placing the country's welfare above political advantage, and government by and for

Roosevelt's Ideas Sought
Efficiency and lofty ideals are needed for platform.
To the Editor of The Tribune.
Sir: Had he not been called down "The Long, Long Trail," my platform could best have been written by him whom I consider one of the greatest Americans.

And, were I vain enough, I would attempt to write a platform using as my model the practical efficiency, the lofty goals, the love of righteousness and high sense of duty to all mankind, driven by the undiluted Americanism, initiative and fearlessness, and tempered by the clear foresight and cool judgment of our departed and beloved President, Theodore Roosevelt.

A. WALTER MURDOCK.

"Labor and Capital" Seen As Most Vital Question

Republicans Urged to Select a Candidate Who Understands Industrial Situation

To the Editor of The Tribune.
Sir: The biggest issue of the coming campaign will be capital vs. labor. The Republican party must choose a broad-minded man familiar with industrial conditions. The last year has seen the failure of the capitalist to look upon his employees as partners in his business. The capitalists should place labor on an equal footing with capital, not financially, but strive to uplift conditions of labor, such as promoting healthful surroundings, education, efficiency, insurance, factory conditions and lastly a mutual understanding as friendship between employer and employee.

The greatest asset for labor would be the enlistment of every workingman in the country as co-worker with capital. Strikes and riots would not prevail if capital and labor would arbitrate conditions and wages neutrally. In conclusion, the man chosen to lead this democracy must call together the capitalists, agriculturists and labor to bring about closer affiliation. Then the period of unrest will be solved.

EDWARD F. MATOT,
783 Herman Street, Buffalo.

World Is Not Prepared to Accept Unqualified League
To the Editor of The Tribune.
Sir: Looking at the league of nations from a political and practical viewpoint, we find that all leagues of the past, even the Peloponnesian league of the ancient Greeks, were an absolute failure, so far as the prevention of war is concerned.

The minds of the peoples of the world are not prepared for such a tremendous proposition, and for this reason the league should be adopted with only such reservations as will fully protect our own country.

ALFRED YOUNG,
Valparaiso, Ind.

International Friendship
The Republican party recognizes the bond of similar culture and ideals of democracy and liberty which bind this country with England, France, Italy and the other Allied nations. It advocates the strengthening of these friendly relations to the utmost, at the same time avoiding the petty misunderstandings and disputes which endanger them.—Roland Palmedo, 9 Summit Street, East Orange, N. J.

A 500,000 Army
We urge the maintenance of an army, fully equipped in all its branches, of at least 500,000 men, and the establishment of a naval power equal to that of Great Britain.—Wade Hampton Thompson.

Laws on Maternity
We advocate more enlightened laws concerning maternity and infancy, uniform divorce laws, equality of labor conditions and the enactment by the nation of an adequate child labor law.—Wade Hampton Thompson.

Independent Vote to Pick Next President, He Says

Party With Biggest Appeal to Masses Will Be Returned Winner, Is Belief

To the Editor of The Tribune.
Sir: Neither party can win with its "regulars," the loyal party men. It is the "independent" vote which swings many elections. It is to this element the candidate must address himself, and the appeal must be of sufficient merit to get results.

It was the unattached vote which decided the elections of 1912 and 1916, and unless the Republican party renounces the policies which proved fatal in these campaigns the blunder will be repeated in 1920.

W. S. S.
Westfield, N. J.

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